

THE MAINE FARMER: AN

FRIDAY, Jan. 22.

The Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., President in the Chair.

Proceedings of yesterday read by the Secretary.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN presented the following list of topics for discussion at informal meetings:

1—"What is the cost of a gallon of milk, when the market price of hay is \$10 per ton, and other feed in proportion?"

2—"How can we best manage to keep the usual amount of farm stock in case of partial failure of the hay crop?"

3—"What facts have been developed in regard to the efficiency of portable marine manures? Ought they to be decomposed in the compost heap before use?"

4—"Are there any facts developed in connection with the light hay crop in a large portion of the State the past season, by reason of the destruction of clover and the grasses the previous winter, pointing to any preparation of the soil by means of which such calamity might in any degree have been prevented?"

5—"Dairy Husbandry." This topic was assigned to Tuesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 26th.

"Fruit and Fruit Culture." This topic was assigned to Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 27th.

Noted. That the Informal Meetings be held in the room of the Board, No. 24, State House.

After the transaction of some other general business, Dr. WESTON, Chairman of the Committee upon Topic No. 1—"What effect would the increase of Manufactures have upon Agriculture"—read a lengthy and able report, (which will be published in our columns hereafter,) appended to which was the following preamble and resolution:

"STATE OF MAINE,

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE, Jan. 22, 1864.

Whereas, The prosperity of Agriculture depends greatly upon the extent of the home demand for farm products; and because such demand is smaller here than in England, where the population is much larger, it is proportionately greater than it is in Maine; and because the value of land in Maine is consequently less than the same quality of land which manufacturers prevail to add to their product.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Legislature the adoption of such measures as, in their judgment, may most effectively encourage the prosecution of all branches of industry, and especially the establishment of manufacturing establishments which will afford sufficient water power and other material advantages.

After the reading of the Report, the Board adjourned and went into an informal session.

INFORMAL MEETING.

HON. LEVI CHAM., Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Manufactures, was called upon to speak.

Mr. GOODALE spoke of the small addition to the force of the views presented in the report, and would only repeat the substance of his remarks. The prosperity of agriculture depends upon the number of consumers. Many have supposed that it is the consumers and manufacturers of England that have made her a powerful nation, and that in this centered her greatest interests, but it is not so. Their soil is not so good as our own; all that is raised there is also consumed there; besides, she is obliged to obtain wool from Australia, food from our own country, and go to the ends of the earth for supplies that cannot be grown at home to feed her immense population. There was formerly—and it was a bad policy—a strong prejudice against the employment of foreign capital in manufacturing operations; but we have learned that every dollar thus invested is an immense sum to be had for the improvement of our country.

Mr. WATERMAN of Robinsonton, said the farmers in his section found it difficult to raise enough to supply the demand. Potatoes in the spring were usually worth \$1 per bushel, and butter 30 cents per pound. The price of land, and the price of house-rent had also advanced in a ten-fold proportion in as many years.

Mr. ANDERSON, President of the Board, spoke of the intimacy of agriculture and manufactures, and expressed his opinion in favor of such a law had been proposed.

Mr. DINGLEY, of Auburn, next spoke. He referred to the growth of Lewiston within the past fifteen years, all of which was caused by the manufacturers in the place, and the advantage it gave the farmers; yet strange to say, the farmer as though the building of mills were his chief boast to the world.

What the result of this is now four times as large as it was, and, I am sure, instead of going to Bath and Portland to market, a distance of 25 or 30 miles, now have a ready market and high prices at their own doors. He believed the former policy of the State in excluding manufacturers to be a bad one.

Other remarks were made by members of the Board of Agriculture and the Legislature, and the meeting adjourned.

SATURDAY, Jan. 23.

Board met according to adjournment. Read and approved.

The subject of Marine Manures was assigned to Monday afternoon.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN presented a Report upon Improved Agriculture, prepared by him during the interim of the session. The Report was accepted, and

On motion of DR. WESTON, was assigned to Monday next for its second reading.

Mr. GOODALE made some further remarks, in which he spoke of the theory of manures, their action on various soils, and also the action of marine manures. The farmers in Connecticut regard manure as \$35 or \$40 per acre, and the profitable manure is about \$65 per ton. Fish guano should be applied to the field in the fall, and its value is lost by decomposition. The fish is not of value for manure. It is believed that by a more expensive mode of building ovens and shelves, the fish could be dried in two or three hours—before decomposition begins to take place—it could be dried so as to be carried into the interior and be in an efficient state as a fertilizer. In closing, he made a few very correct and forcible remarks upon the real principles of manuring. Many suppose that high manuring for many years in succession with marine manures, injures the land, but it is what is taken off, not what is put on that is injurious. Farmers should aim to get their lands up to a high state of culture, and keep them so.

COL. CHAPMAN, Land Agent of Maine, was the speaker next in course. He said in the town of Bristol, but little use was made of muscle bed, and its use had not been very satisfactory. In Newcastle Centre, there was a ridge of land of fine loamy soil free from rocks, between the marshes, which had been settled since 1850, upon which mud had been used with very decided results. It was hauled upon the surface nothing would grow; but if plowed under, it produced good crops of hay during that time, but for the last 5 or 6 years it has not been used. It formerly out from three to three and a half tons per acre, but last year nothing grew on it, and the soil was bare. He believed it should be composted and then sown with barley, and an excellent crop was obtained.

Other remarks were made by members of the Board of Agriculture and the Legislature, and the meeting adjourned.

MONDAY, Jan. 25.

Board met at 2 o'clock P. M.

After the usual formal business of opening,

Mr. LEX, Chairman of Business Committee presented a final report which was accepted.

Mr. GOODALE read a report upon the second topic, viz: "What action will the Board recommend in respect to the proposed Agricultural College?"

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERLAIN the report was accepted and assigned to Thursday A. M. for its second reading.

Voted, That the report of DR. WESTON, on "Agricultural Manufactures," and of Mr. GOODALE, on the "Agricultural College," be published for the use of the Board, members of Legislature and others.

Mr. ROGERS, of Sagadahoc, read a paper on "Salt as a Fertilizer," which was assigned to him as a topic upon which to report during the interval of the session. On motion of MR. CHAMBERLAIN the report was accepted.

The Board here adjourned, and went into informal session for the purpose of discussing the subject of Marine Manures.

INFORMAL SESSION.

Hon. MR. MORAN, from the Senate, was called upon to preside.

He made a few remarks upon the general use of marine manures upon the coast farms, and said that with plenty of manure he was sure of good crops all year with another, although farming was not a leading business with him. He believed there was no manure for producing a crop equal to good old barn-yard manure.

The discussion took an extensive range, and included the topics of marine manures, their action with other forms of dressing, and the means of keeping stock in case of a partial failure of the hay crop.

The report however was very much condensed, but we have aimed at giving the main ideas of the speaker in their own words.

W. M. DANA, of Perry. About all I know of marine manures is this: Rock wood, muscle bed, and peat will all make grass grow. Our sea-side farmers do not appreciate their privileges, and there is not half as many that have interested me exceedingly. I am glad to see the breaking down of the idea that it was wrong to give money to foreign capital. I once had the honor—if it may be called—to belong to a political party one of whose fundamental principles was to put a heavy tax upon foreign capital employed in manufactures, and it shut the capital out from among us, because it was not safe to trust it to us. I am glad that foolish, nonsensical party, to look ahead and see that the Osier would be needed, and the growth of the place is due somewhat to the establishment of the willow manufactory in that city. The business was very profitable and gave employment to large numbers of Germans who came to this country at the suggestion of Mr. Colt. So, all through the report of DR. 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Much Harry have I thought of darling wife,
Some simple rule might make our wedded life
As pleasant always as a morn in May;
A mere name!—what a folly say!

SHE.

Approved: your plan I heartily approve;
Rule would be nice—but who shall make them, love?
Nay, do not speak—I let this the bargain be,
When you are mine, I am thine; by you, and one by me,

THEIR.

For such a woe's the world will share;
And now—it although it matters not a pine—
If you have no objection, I'll begin.

SHE.

Approved: In making love I little err;
And to such a mate, I do not fear the first;
I only claim—and hold the treasure fast—
My sex's sacred privilege, the last!

With all my heart. We'd start—begin to—begin to—
When by the world's broad bounds our drifts drop to,
And I am taking in my brilliant style.
About the way—or anything, in short;

That you're aware is my especial forte,
Frank don't get me in a corner, our own,

But talk—comment—on the girls in the room!

SHE.

That's Number One! I mind it well, if you
Will call had ended rather abruptly, to be sure;

But he did not mind it, and I have got

Only those you think your wife has not!
And there's a rule I hope you won't forget,

That you're aware is my especial forte.

Frank mind it well—when you're gone,

With the girls—the girls—in the room!

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